

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Peschke et al.

**Application No.:** 10/540,452

**Confirmation No.:** 1279

**Filed:** June 22, 2005

**For:** GASKET UNIT FOR A BEARING  
BUSHING

**Group:** 3682

**Examiner:** Lenard A. Footland

**Our File:** INA-PT143

(4150-18-US)

**Date:** April 26, 2007

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Notice of Allowance and the Examiner's Amendment and is submitted in conjunction with the issue fee.

As the application was allowed with the first Office Action, Applicants request that this Reply be entered as it is merely directed to the formality of removing the parenthetical element numbers from the claims. It also appears based on the Examiner's Amendment that the Preliminary Amendment was not considered. To avoid further confusion, the Preliminary Amendment and Examiner's Amendment are both used as the starting point for this 312 Amendment and only the further

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amendments to delete the element numbers as shown. Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: